Best of Luck, 8th Grade

Dear 8th Grade,
As a former student, teacher, and now assistant principal of Heights-Terrace, I think about all of the fun times that were shared with all of my friends during these experiences. My involvement in this school and the support from all of my teachers and peers are what guided me to the position I have and memories I cherish.

I challenge you all as 8th graders to reflect on all of your joyous times here at Heights. I’m sure these times will bring a smile to your face as they do for me. I also ask you to remember that you will always represent Heights-Terrace. Your teachers have provided valuable lessons on how to learn better but most importantly be a responsible and respectful member of our community.

In closing, I ask you to never forget Heights-Terrace. Even though your time has been cut due to the Pandemic, you have shared many memorable experiences and learned how to make our community better. I ask you to do always try your best and never give up. Help others and our community to be the best it can be. If you ever need something, we will always be here for you.

Mr. Schadder

It Only Takes ONE
To all 8th grade students:

ONE song can spark a moment.
ONE flower can make the dream.
ONE tree can start a forest.
ONE bird can herald the spring.
ONE smile begins a friendship.
ONE handclasp lifts a soul.
ONE star can guide a ship at sea.
ONE word can frame the goal.
ONE vote can change a nation.
ONE sunbeam lights a room.
ONE candle wipes out darkness.
ONE laugh will conquer gloom.
ONE step must start each journey.
ONE word must start each prayer.
ONE hope will raise our spirits.
ONE touch can show you care.
ONE voice can speak with wisdom.
ONE heart can know what’s true.
ONE life can make the difference.

You see it’s up to YOU!
~ Anonymous
Mrs. Folk
8th Grade Awards Night
You are capable of amazing things.
Mrs. P,
We are truly going to miss you! May God be with you as you embark on this new chapter in your life.

Love,
Gina and Pat

Jocelyn,
I wish you the very best of everything in your retirement! May you be blessed with love, health, and happiness! Relax and enjoy each precious moment!

❤️ Cathy Carrell

Enjoy your retirement, you deserve it!
Anne Schneider

Jocelyn,
it has been a pleasure working with you these last few years. Hoping the next chapter in your book will be filled with new adventures, happy challenges, and many happy memories.
Mary Lou Marino Carsia

Best wishes for your retirement!
Enjoy every day!
Eileen Buffone

Mrs. Podlesney,
Best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement!
Ms. Rutecki

Jocelyn,
Congratulations on your retirement! We hope we helped make your final few years here at Heights enjoyable, fun, and rewarding. Thank you for your tremendous service and dedication to our students. Enjoy your new found freedom and always remember what a positive difference you have made! Thank you for everything and have a wonderful retirement.
Keep on soaring to heroic Heights. Caw Caw !!

From the 8th Grade Team

Principal
[prin-suhr-puhl]
1. The best kind of person, usually known for their exceptional wit, charm, and intelligence.
Jocelyn,
I would like to congratulate you on your retirement, and I wish you the best of luck in whatever avenues you decide to pursue. Please know that you leave a legacy that will not be forgotten. Your dedication to our school and students has been inspirational, and I am honored to know you both as a student and a faculty member. Thank you for all the encouragement and kind words you have shared with me throughout these years. Heart of the Hawk to you – Ba Boom, Ba Boom, Ba Boom!!!

Lynn Boyle

Jocelyn,
Best wishes on your retirement. May God bless your next adventure and I will be waiting for the day our coffee shop opens! “Bean Redeemed”

Kelli Holloman Gronsky

Wishing you a happy and healthy retirement! Thank you for always putting the students first. You are an amazing educator and will be missed!

Brenda Sterenchock

Jocelyn,
We want to wish you a Happy Retirement! We can not thank you enough for your consistent support and dedication to the special education students and team. You have always gone above and beyond and truly care about the students. We will miss you!

Kerry, Teila and Ann

Thank you for everything! We will miss you at Heights!

Matthew Michelin

Thank you for what you have done for me and my family. My daughter would not be where she is if it wasn’t for you. You will truly be missed. Happy Retirement.

Love

Raul, Nadiya and Daisy Santiago

Thank you for all that you did for this school! The students were always number one with every decision you made, and I deeply appreciate that. My two boys were lucky to have you as a principal, and it was a pleasure working with someone who was as dedicated as you are to the success of our students. My family wishes you health and happiness in your retirement!

Danielle Mariano

Thank you for being such a role model and an inspiration!

Lauren Conston

Loving this Journey for you!
Congratulations and enjoy whatever life has planned for your next chapter!
Kaw! Kaw!!
Love,

Peregrin

Mrs. Podlesney,
Congratulations on your retirement. Please know that your hard work, dedication, and leadership will not be forgotten. We thank you for your support, love, and inspiration through some of the most challenging times. Wishing you the best in all your new adventures. You will truly be missed.

Mrs. Natt

Dear Mrs. P,
Thank you for all that you have done to create such a supportive and positive school community for students and teachers! Although you will be missed, we know that you will shine no matter where you are or what you do! Best wished for a happy and healthy retirement! Kaw! Kaw!

Ms. Bednar
Mrs. P,
We appreciate your enthusiasm and positivity. Thank you for always going above and beyond to meet our needs and the needs of our students. You have always provided a safe and welcoming learning community for all students from all different backgrounds. You have always given 100% to your community and the families it serves, and for that, we are grateful! Your compassion and dedication are irreplaceable.

Enjoy your retirement!
Mrs. Sterenchock, Mr. Zullo, Mrs. Darraugh, Mrs. Wagner and Miss Burkholder

Congrats on Retirement, Mrs. P!
You have had such a huge impact on my teaching career. I will forever be comparing my future principals to you. Enjoy your time off and relax!
The heart of the Hawk goes out to YOU. BA BOOM
Jocelyn Frye

“I can’t mask how I feel about you.”
Thank you for your 37 3/4 years of service.
Cheers to a great retirement!
Maria Fiore

Jocelyn through the years we have been on many different paths from classmates( Harman Huskies, HHS Mountaineers), colleagues(HJHS and FEMS), my vice principal at FEMS, Administrators and best of all friendship that makes you family. Your dedication to students, teachers and the HASD has been like no others. You will be missed by all. Thank you for being a part of my journey. May your retirement be the blessing you deserve.
Love ya
Tammy Skotek
Retirement Blessings

You’ve worked real hard,
you’ve come this far,
I hope you know
how blessed you are!
New tomorrows,
brand new plans,
all of them
are in God’s hands.

You’ll have more
hours in the day
to hope, to dream,
to rest, to play.
You'll find new ways
to be inspired;
Congratulations!
You’ve retired!
Sometimes the people whom we've known for only a short amount of time have a bigger impact on us than those we've known forever.
We Will Miss You!

Love,
Your
Heights Terrace Family
I wish the best for our retirees after putting in what seems to be a lifetime of service, and wish I could join you LOL
CARMEN DELESE

To all the retirees,
Your years of service has made this district a better place. You will be missed! I pray that your next adventures are blessed
Kelli

To all the retirees, your years of service has made this district a better place. You will be missed!

To All Retiree’s,
Wishing you the best as you move forward in this next chapter of your lives. Relax and Enjoy every minute!! Congratulations!
Judy Matriccino

Thank you all for sharing my final school year with me it has been quite an interesting year!
To my fellow retirees, think of retirement as a blank sheet of paper. It is your chance to redesign your life into something new and different! Have fun!
Lisamarie Stetz

Thank you for making middle school such a fun place to work. You will be missed! May the years of your retirement be rich, rewarding and kind, And may there be no limit to the happiness you find! Congratulations on your retirement.
Stacey Natt

Best wishes to all Heights-Terrace retirees!
Ms. Bednar

To all our retirees...sincere wishes for a happy and healthy retirement! Thank you for all you have done for our school and our students. You will be missed!
The Heights Terrace PTA

We hope you all have a long, enjoyable, healthy retirement. It has been an absolute pleasure working with all of you. You will be missed by your Heights Terrace family!

From the 8th Grade Team

Thank you for your years of hard work and dedication. Congratulations on your retirement!
Stacey A. Bottley

To All of the Retirees,
Thank you for all you have done for our school and our students. You will be missed!

The Heights Terrace PTA

Congratulations!
Mrs. Carroll

Marylou,

Boy have we been through it all together!!!!!

Thanks so much for all your friendship and love!

Anna Paisley

MRS. CARSIA,

THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH A GREAT MENTOR, OLD-SCHOOL GRADER AND A GREAT FRIEND. YOU WILL BE MISSED. I AM THANKFUL FOR ALL THE YEARS I SPENT TEACHING WITH YOU. ALL THE BEST AND HAVE A HAPPY RETIREMENT.

KEVIN KRINGE

Mary Lou,

I would like to wish you the best in your retirement. It was a pleasure to work with you for over two decades!!!

Kris Bonomo

MaryLou,

This school will not be the same without you. I will miss you and will cherish every single moment and memory I have of you. You are a dedicated teacher, coworker and friend. You will be missed beyond words

Kelli

Mrs. Carsia,

You will always be remembered for the difference you’ve made. Your positive influence is impossible to measure. Thank you for your years of hard work and dedication! May the years ahead bring you joy and relaxation.

Jaime Watt

Mrs. Carsia,

Congratulations on your retirement! You have been an amazing co-worker and friend and deserve the absolute best! It has been a pleasure working with you. I will miss your energy, enthusiasm, and most of all, your unflinching dedication to helping this place function a little better every day. Heights Terrace will not be the same without you. I can’t wait for you to return as my Granny in the fall of 2021! Have a very happy retirement!

Love,

Stacey Natt

Mrs. Carsia,

Congratulations on your retirement! I wish you and your family many more years of health and happiness. It has been an absolute pleasure serving in the Math department with you for the last few years. Your work ethic and passion for Math is undeniable. Thank you for all the help over the years anytime I reached out to you. Heights certainly has some big shoes to fill. Enjoy your free time, you deserve it!

Mr. Rush

Mrs. Carsia,

Thank you for not only sharing your experience and guidance with me but also your room for all those years! You are an exceptional teacher, colleague, and friend.

Enjoy Your Retirement.

Brian Sones

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Enjoy Your Retirement.

Brian Sones
It takes a special person,
To teach a child in class,
To keep his attention,
in a world that moves so fast.
To show a child, he is unique,
With many talents deep inside,
To help to build his confidence,
So he can beam with pride.
To show a little patience,
For a child who lost his way,
To a child who feels abandoned,
Who has seen better days.
To inspire and to motivate,
So a child can learn and grow,
To go into this big wide world,
With many highs and lows.
You are a special person,
Who always give their best,
And for every child who was in your class,
Their life is truly blessed.

Send my sincere congratulations to Miss Marino.
My classmates and I were lucky to spend not one year, but two, with Miss Marino as our teacher. She inspired a sense of fun in middle school years when it can be difficult for kids to feel comfortable and at ease. From the special guests she invited to our classroom (Father Jimmy Paisley and Father Al Vito) to her own guitar performances, Miss Marino supported arts in our education. With curriculum and assignments, I remember her inspiring us to step outside our comfort zones, whether through classroom presentations or talent shows. In 8th grade, she challenged us to invent products and market them and helped us begin exploring careers that interested us. On the lighter side, she definitely inspired a respect for fashion trends – I remember that she rarely ever wore the same spectacular outfit twice. Wishing Miss Marino all the best! While those grades in elementary and middle school are 40+ years past, there are definitely lasting memories from her classrooms.

Sincerely,
Kristie (Grier) Ceruti  students of Miss Marino in 1984 and 1980 at MMES
Dear Miss Marino,

Congratulations on your upcoming Retirement!! I will always remember our times together at MMES. You were a great teacher and I enjoyed fourth and eighth grade very much because of you. I wish you the best and hope you are doing well!!

Thank you for being such a wonderful teacher for so many years!!

-Sincerely,

Melissa S. Persico

I have many fond memories of being in your class. Thank you for always being so patient and making learning fun. Congratulations on your retirement!

Stephanie Paladino
8th grade MMES 1986-1987

Miss Marino

Wishing you health and happiness as you embark on a new journey. I frequently think of my time at MMES and can say with certainty, they were the best. Although I didn’t get there until 5th grade, I was fortunate to have you as my 8th grade teacher. You are a big part of my happiest memories and you deserve all the best. By far, you were my favorite teacher ever!! Thank you and God bless you!

Lori Cusatis McGeehan

Miss Marino, congratulations on your retirement! I am so happy for you. You deserve it! I just wanted to thank you for being such an awesome teacher. You made class fun while still managing to teach us so well and prepare us for the future. Also, thank you for putting up with our shenanigans in 8th grade. Lol. I have so many fond memories of that year! We had quite the group of characters! God bless you for putting up with us.

Eight grade is such an important year in a young person’s life and you made it so enjoyable and memorable. I would not be the person today that I am without your academic and life lessons. You showed us how to have fun while still being respectful to others. You were my favorite teacher in Molino! [please don’t tell the others, lol]. Again, thank you for everything and best wishes to you and yours! Enjoy your retirement and relax!

Joey Calabrese

I am so grateful to be able to send best wishes to you, Miss Marino, on your retirement! It’s hard to believe how fast the time as gone. I will always have fond memories of my time at MMES and especially in your classes. To this day, when anyone asks who my favorite teacher was, I can answer without hesitation...Miss Mary Lou Marino! You’ve made a positive impact on so many. I hope you can now move forward with this next chapter of your life, looking back with pride, while enjoying every minute of this next part of your journey. Congratulations on what I am sure was a successful and rewarding career. Best wishes to you and yours and best of luck with whatever is in store!

Warmest regards,
Steve Heim

Dear Miss Marino,

Congratulations on your upcoming Retirement!! I will always remember our times together at MMES. You were a great teacher and I enjoyed fourth and eighth grade very much because of you. I wish you the best and hope you are doing well!! Thank you for being such a wonderful teacher for so many years!!

-Sincerely,

Melissa S. Persico

Miss Marino was and is the definition of what a teacher should be. She inspired all of us and made us better students and human beings. I have so many fond memories of her class and my days at Monsignor Molino. I truly appreciate all of her encouragement, her kindness and her support. It is not easy to work with 8th graders and she always had the patience to deal with us even on our most difficult days. She is one of the reasons I am a teacher today and I hope to be there for my students as she always was for us. I wish her a happy and healthy retirement!

Lynn Beechay Feola
Hi Miss Marino, it’s Maria Ziegler, formerly, Maria Triano. Congratulations on your retirement! It’s well deserved. You taught me in both 4th and 8th grade, 1979/80 and 1983/84, at MMES. You were one of my favorite teachers. I have wonderful memories of you and my time in elementary school. I enjoyed your teaching style. As a child, I remember you were always dressed so sharply and I enjoyed listening to you sing at church. I’ve attached some pictures of my time at MMES. I wish you all the best and I will keep you in my prayers.

God Bless,
Maria Triano Ziegler

Happy Retirement Mary Lou!!
Thanks for putting up with me not once, but twice!! (Not sure if my punctuation is right in that sentence, maybe I should have gone for three)

Nicholas Paisley

Miss Marino,
I cannot think about Monsignor Molino days without thinking of you! Thank you for being such a wonderful teacher! I wish you a very happy retirement!

Barb Paladino

Mary Lou,
Congratulations and best wishes in your post career endeavors. You were one of my favorites.

Ernie Scaran

Mary Lou, I just wanted to let you know that 5th grade was my most favorite year at Molino! You made learning fun! You were also the one to tell me I needed glasses! So thank you for that too! Enjoy your retirement!!! Love you!

Nat Paisley Umbriac

Dear Miss Marino,
When I think back on my years at Msgr Molino, I immediately think of you. I was blessed to have you as my 4th Grade Teacher and 8th as well! You were an exceptional Educator, you thought outside the box, you made learning fun! Some of my fondest memories were from Fourth Grade, I remember waiting patiently for lunch to be over so we could sit on the floor and listen to you read Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. I loved when you played the guitar, and introduced us to the Movie and Soundtrack of Godspell. I was so happy to have you again for 8th Grade! It’s not easy teaching adolescents, yet you took it in stride, you were firm, but gave us the freedom to express ourselves. You let us bring our “boom boxes” to school and allowed us to listen to the radio or cassette tapes during indoor recess. These are just a few of the memories I hold dear to my heart. Most importantly, You taught us to Pray, and took us to Church. You instilled a love for our School, Church and God!

I hope you know how deeply you have touched not only my life, but the lives of the countless students you have taught. Anyone that had you as a Teacher is blessed! I hope you enjoy your new gift of time, and savor every minute of your Retirement. I am forever grateful for all you have done for me and my classmates!

With much Love,
Traci Kender-Aita
Gifted Happenings

Cedrah Abdulraham has been building her computer coding gaming experiences. She has been programming animations, using simple shapes, and building up to creating more sophisticated games while learning the design process computer scientists use on a daily basis.

Reanud Ductan has been developing skills of a computer scientist. He has been learning computer coding concepts which use scaffolded sets of programming instructions to explore algorithmic thinking.

Jayden Skros and Brookelynn Keeler have been studying the game of chess along with using interactive chess learning lessons. This game has been around for 1500 years. There is more to chess than just a game or the sport. Playing chess exercises the brain and stimulates it in unrivaled ways. It is a great way to develop 21st Century Skills like critical and creative thinking. Chess is cool!

A "Sweet" Lesson

Mrs. Carrell's 8th grade ELA class recently read the poem, "Thumbprint" by Eve Merriam. The students read the poem and analyzed alliteration to celebrate individuality. The students then practiced reading informational text by reading and interpreting a recipe. As they read, they used context clues to understand specialized and technical language that can be used in everyday life. The students were encouraged with the help of a parent or guardian to follow the directions of the recipe for Thumbprint Cookies. This was an interesting poem with a delicious outcome!!!!!!!!!
Mr. Delese's Computer Application class had a great time doing coding on the computer and creating game-like programs.
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